

REMARKS

Claims 1-14, 16, 18 and 24-33 are rejected. Claims 15, 17 and 19-23 are objected to. Claims 15 and 23 have been amended. Claims 1, 16, and 18 have been canceled. New Claims 34-50 have been added. Claims 2-15, 17, 19-50 are presently pending in the application.

The amendments to Claims 15 and 23 are based on Claim 1 as originally filed. Favorable reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Double Patenting:

The Examiner has provisionally rejected Claims 1-33 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 16-46 of copending Application No. 10/008428 ('428). The Applicants have included a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c), as copending Application No. 10/008,428 ('810) is commonly owned with the present application.

Claim Objections:

The Examiner has objected to Claims 17 and 18 because the Claims disclose segments of block copolymer, wherein each block is a polymer, while reciting acrylic and amide for polymer B. The Applicants have canceled Claim 18 and amended Claim 17 to include "polyamide" and "polyacrylic".

Rejection of Claims 1-14, 16, 18, 22, and 25-33 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e):

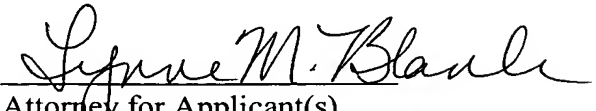
The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-14, 16, 18, 22, 25-33 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by FISHER (US 6,579,927). The Applicants have cancelled Claims 1, 16 and 18. Claims 2-14, 22, and 25-33 have been amended to depend from either Claim 15 or Claim 23, indicated as allowable by the Examiner, if rewritten in independent form. The Applicants believe this rejection has become moot.

Allowable Subject Matter:

The Examiner has indicated that Claims 15, 17, 19-21, 22, 23 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Applicants have amended Claims 15 and 23 accordingly and amended Claims 17, 19-21, and 22 to depend from rewritten Claims 15 and 23.

It is believed that the foregoing is a complete response to the Office Action and that the claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue is therefore earnestly solicited.

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